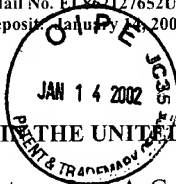


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 19, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2001, please enter the Preliminary Amendment filed December 20, 2001, and please further amend claims 24 and 41 from the Preliminary Amendment as shown in the replacement claims below. Claims 24 and 41 as amended with editing marks are provided on a page attached to this response.

In the claims:

24. (Amended) A UPS system for providing backup power to a load, the system comprising:

- a plurality of batteries coupled in parallel;
- at least one battery monitor processor configured to receive signals indicative of battery status of each of the plurality of batteries, to process the signals indicative of battery status, and to transmit monitor data indicative of characteristics of the plurality of batteries;
- a UPS processor coupled to the at least one battery monitor processor and configured to receive monitor data from the at least one battery monitor processor; and
- a backup-power circuit coupled to the UPS processor and configured to couple one of a main power source and the plurality of batteries to the load.

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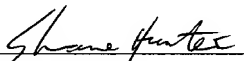
Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following documents:

- ☒ Response to Office Action Dated December 19, 2001; and
- ☒ Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at 617-542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 18133-099. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

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